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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Drone With Grenades Lands at Property of Mexico Police Chief

(U) Tecate – Authorities in the northern Mexican state of Baja California say that a drone carrying two deactivated grenades landed on a property owned by the state's security chief. The state government statement says Gerardo Manuel Sosa Olachea does not use the property in Tecate and was not present, but state police guarding it saw the drone. In October, authorities in the north-central state of Guanajuato said they captured men carrying a drone equipped with a powerful bomb and remote-controlled detonator.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Texas – CBP Arrests Alien Gang Members and Child Predators

(U) Edinburg – Border Patrol agents across the Rio Grande Valley arrested two Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13) gang members, an 18th Street gang member, and two men previously charged with sex offenses against children. Border Patrol arrests several gang members and predators – one had a previous conviction for sexual assault of a child and had been ordered removed from the United States, multiple detainees were members of the MS-13 gang, one was linked to the Zetas cartel, and one was a member of the 18th street gang.

SOURCE: 10 July 2018, [CBP Press Release](#)

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(U) Maryland – Two Dozen Alleged MS-13 Gang Members Charged with Murder

(U) Baltimore – Two dozen people with alleged ties to the MS-13 gang have been charged with violent racketeering, money-laundering conspiracies and murder, according to a statement from the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The six-count indictment claims that 24 alleged MS-13 gang members engaged in murders, conspiracies to commit murder, attempted murders, kidnapping, extortion, robbery, money laundering and drug trafficking from 2015 through 2017 in Maryland, according to the statement from 2 July.

SOURCE: 10 July 2018, [Newsweek](#)

(U) Washington – US Reaper Drone Data Leaked On Dark Web

(U) District of Columbia – A hacker penetrated an Air Force captain's computer to steal sensitive information about US military drones, according to new research by cybersecurity investigators at Recorded Future, a threat intelligence firm. The documents, while not classified, include a private list of airmen working with MQ-9A Reaper drones and maintenance and course material on the weapons - the US-made deadly unmanned aerial vehicle used around the world to surveil and strike targets. US law enforcement is investigating the breach, according to Recorded Future's Insikt Group, which conducted the research. The firm said its researchers have a "high degree of confidence" the hacker is from South America, though it did not elaborate further, citing the ongoing investigation.

SOURCE: 10 July 2018, [CNN](#)

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UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – At Least 10 Killed in Attack on Education Department Compound**

(U) Jalalabad – At least 10 people were killed after gunmen stormed an education department compound in Afghanistan's east today, officials said, sparking an hours-long battle with security forces in the latest attack in the restive region. Ten others were wounded in the second attack in Jalalabad city in as many days, Nangarhar provincial governor spokesman Attaullah Khogyani said in a statement. It is not clear how many government workers were trapped inside the building during the fierce gun battle between security forces and militants that has now ended. "So far 10 bodies have been recovered and taken to local hospitals. Ten people have also been wounded," Khogyani said.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [AFP](#)

(U) Egypt – Egyptian Security Forces Kill 11 Terrorists in the Sinai Region

(U) Cairo – Egypt's official news agency today, said that security forces killed at least 11 suspected terrorists in a shootout in the northern Sinai Peninsula. MENA quoted an unnamed security official as saying that the fighting erupted when forces raided a hideout in the city of el-Arish. It said security forces dismantled two explosive devices and seized weapons. It did not say when the raid took place or whether any security forces were killed or wounded. Egypt heavily restricts media access to the northern Sinai.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [Times of Israel](#)

(U) Ireland – Political Leaders Unite to Condemn Attacks on Police in Londonderry

(U) Londonderry – The leaders of all of the main political parties have united to condemn attacks on the police amid ongoing unrest in Londonderry. In a fourth night of violence, six shots were fired at officers close to the city's famous walls. None of the officers were injured and the bullets were found both in the walls themselves and nearby trees. Around 16 petrol bombs and five paint bombs were also thrown close to the walls and at police patrols. Now the DUP, Sinn Fein, Ulster Unionists, SDLP and Alliance have issued a rare joint statement condemning the attacks and calling for an end to the violence.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Pakistan – Suicide Bomber Kills 12 at Anti-Taliban Party Rally

(U) Peshawar – A suicide bomber blew himself up at an anti-Taliban political party's rally in northwest Pakistan yesterday, killing 12 people, including a candidate in the 25 July elections, police said. The attack on a meeting of the Awami National Party (ANP) in Peshawar also injured nearly 50 others, city police chief Jamil Qazi said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the first major pre-election violence. The ANP was the main target of Taliban attacks in the 2013 election. Then, senior ANP leader Bashir Bilour was killed in a suicide bombing. Yesterday's attack killed his son Haroon Bilour, a candidate for the provincial assembly.

SOURCE: 11 July 2018, [Reuters](#)

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